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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the July 17, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to this Office Action is due October 17, 2002.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

- ✓ 1. (Amended) A rack for use in a compound handling system for handling a multiplicity of tubes containing aliquots of chemical or biological samples, which comprises: